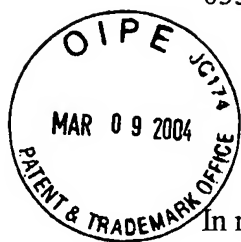


03500.017512

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

MASANOBU SAITO, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/649,835

Filed: August 28, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS, CARTRIDGE
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

)

:

)

:

)

:

)

:

)

:

)

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

Group Art Unit: 2855

March 9, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. These documents were recently cited in the attached European Search Report, issued in a foreign counterpart application, mailed on January 13, 2004.

FORMAL MATTERS

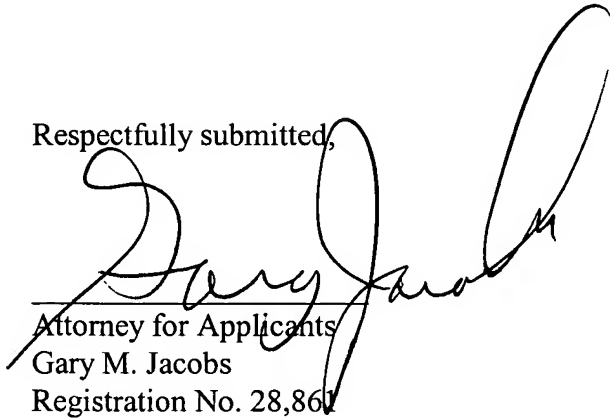
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

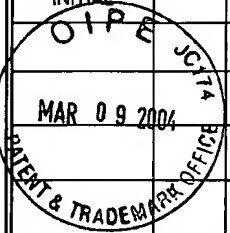
Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicants
Gary M. Jacobs
Registration No. 28,861

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

GMJ/smj

FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary) Submitted: March 9, 2004			ATTY DOCKET NO. 03500.017512		APPLICATION NO. 10/649,835		
			APPLICANT MASANOBU SAITO, ET AL.				
			FILING DATE August 28, 2003		GROUP 2855		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,128,448	10/3/00	ARCARO, ET AL.	399	27	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		0 395 320	10/31/90	EPO			
		1 109 073	6/20/01	EPO			
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Sheet 1 of 1